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MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CHARITABLE GAMING
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room C , second floor of the Cannon Building
APPROVED:	March 6, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Angelucci, Public Member, Chairman
Janet Williams-Coger, Non-Profit Member, Vice Chair
Francis Gant, DE Volunteer Fireman's Association Member
Tim Winstead, State Lottery Office Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sharon McDowell, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Amanda McAtee, Administrative Specialist II
Jean M. Betley, License Investigator III

PUBLIC PRESENT

Jack Vogel, Harrington Fire Company
Bob Mooney, Delaware Crime Stoppers
Wayne English, Atlantic Bingo Supply

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Angelucci called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of January 2, 2014. Mr. Gant made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gant made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger, to amend the agenda and add the St. Francis Foundation under the review of raffle applications at agenda item 4.8.6. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Final Denials – none

Re-Review of Contingent Approvals and PTD Applications – none

NEW BUSINESS

SB 135 w/SA 1 Bill Update – Passed House and Senate, Waiting for Governor's Signature

Ms. McAtee stated that Senate Bill 135 with Senate Amendment 1 had passed the House and Senate. Once the Governor signed the Bill it would become law. The Bill made the following changes:

- 1) Combined into one chapter the three chapters for bingo, charitable gaming, raffles and Texas Hold'em Poker which currently governed the Board of Charitable Gaming. It retained a majority of the language from the prior statutory provisions, but did include some changes.
- 2) Made clear that the Division of Professional Regulation was responsible for the administrative, budgetary and investigative functions of the Board.
- 3) Stated the powers of the Board, rather than the old law referring to it having the powers of the former Bingo Control Commission.
- 4) Provided that officers of charitable gaming vendors undergo a background investigation at their cost and for a fee, including a check of their criminal histories, before being considered for licensure.
- 5) Restricted sitting Board members from being elected officers of any national, state or local professional or nonprofit organization that qualified them for appointment to the Board.
- 6) Made a technical correction to SB 131 (Amending Title 28 relating to Charitable Gaming) by adding specific required language enabling federal criminal background information to be obtained for third-party vendors.
- 7) Explicitly listed raffles as a form of charitable gaming.
- 8) Allowed the sale of alcoholic beverages pursuant to the Delaware Liquor Control Act at charitable gaming events but not at bingo events.
- 9) Changed the time when bingo games could begin from 1:30 to 12 noon.
- 10) Clarified that the Director of the State Lottery Office, or an employee of the State Lottery Office, served on the Charitable Gaming Board at the pleasure of the Governor and was not subject to Senate confirmation or term limits.
- 11) The Board may also impose a fine up to \$1,000.00 upon a person or entity holding a gaming event without the proper license or permit.
- 12) Increased the prize limits for bingo to \$350 for a single game and \$3,000 for all games conducted on a single occasion

Discussion of Implementation of Licensing Third Party Vendors

Ms. McAtee stated that the Bill did not include an effective date and that it was effective upon the Governor's signature. The Division would have to submit the Bill to the State Police and FBI in order to get approval for the background checks of third party vendors. The Board would also have to approve an application. Ms. McAtee stated that these items took some time to complete and questioned the Board what time frame they had in mind for a deadline for third party vendors to comply with the new law. Ms. Betley explained the investigation process that would take place during the licensing process. After discussion, Mr. Gant made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winstead, that third party vendors would have a ninety day deadline after the Governor signed the Bill to submit an application for licensure to the Division of Professional Regulation (DPR). Third party vendors must also have their fingerprinting at Delaware SBI (State Bureau of Identification) completed within ninety days after the Governor's signature. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Implementation of Other Bill Changes to Bingo and Charitable Gaming Events

Ms. McAtee stated that she had already made the small revisions to the bingo and charitable gaming event applications to reflect the Bill changes. Ms. McAtee presented copies of the revised applications to the Board and stated that she would have them on the website once the Governor signed the Bill.

Board Member Reports – none

Delegation of Authority – none

Review of Applications for Texas Hold’Em Tournaments – none

Review of Applications for Charitable Gaming Events – none

Review of Applications for Instant Bingo Events – none

Review of Applications for Bingo Events

Lakeside Community Home Owners Association Inc. (first time applicant)

Mr. Angelucci reviewed and summarized the bingo application of Lakeside Community Home Owners Association Inc. After discussion, Ms. Williams-Coger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gant, to approve the bingo application of Lakeside Community Home Owners Association Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Applications for Raffles

Little Sisters of the Poor Delaware, Inc.

Delaware Crime Stoppers, Inc.

Sussex Academy Foundation

New Castle Historical Society

Children and Families First Delaware Inc.

St. Francis Foundation

Mr. Angelucci reviewed and summarized the raffle applications of Little Sisters of the Poor Delaware, Inc., Delaware Crime Stoppers, Inc., Sussex Academy Foundation, New Castle Historical Society, Children and Families First Delaware Inc., and the St. Francis Foundation. After discussion, Ms. Williams-Coger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winstead, to approve the raffle applications of Little Sisters of the Poor Delaware, Inc., Delaware Crime Stoppers, Inc., Sussex Academy Foundation, New Castle Historical Society, Children and Families First Delaware Inc., and the St. Francis Foundation. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of Charitable Gaming Event Permits Issued

Ms. Williams-Coger read aloud the Charitable Gaming ratification list. Ms. Williams-Coger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winstead, to ratify the Charitable Gaming licensure of Debra Sipple Memorial, Delaware Manufactured HOA, Rehoboth Beach Lions Foundation, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 2, and the Metropolitan Community Church. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of Bingo Event Permits Issued

Ms. Williams-Coger read aloud the Bingo ratification list. Mr. Gant made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winstead, to ratify the Bingo licensure of Bowers Fire Company, Pot Nets Home Owners Association, Mill Creek Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Milton Century Club, Orchard American Legion Post 28, Milford Elks Lodge #2401, Holy Cross Church, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Indian River High School Band Boosters, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Milton Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, Frederica Senior Center, Nanticoke Memorial Hospital, Kiwanis Club of Seaford, Indian River Senior Center, Mill Creek Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Seaside Jewish Community Inc., Ladies Auxiliary to the Delaware City Fire Company, Camden-Wyoming Fire Company, and St. Polycarp Church. The motion carried unanimously.

Inclement Weather/State of Emergency Requests – none

Review of Requests to Amend Previously Approved Event – none

Hearings/Consent Agreements – none

Complaint Assignments and Updates – none

Inspection Reports

Friends for Rescue and Pet Care (Charitable Gaming w/ Third Party Vendor Full House Poker)

Mr. Angelucci stated that Friends for Rescue and Pet Care was recently inspected. There was no discussion.

Responses to Inspection Letters of Concern/Warning

Children and Families First Delaware Inc. (Raffle)

Mr. Angelucci stated that the Board had received inspection response letters from Children and Families First Delaware Inc. There was no discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE – none

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. English questioned if nonprofits could use a CD system in place of traditional bingo balls. Mr. Angelucci stated that they were not permitted because the Rules and Regulations stated that bingo balls must be inspected before the game was conducted. Mr. English questioned if an electronic card marker would be permitted during bingo play. Mr. English explained that the player who used an electronic card marker would still use paper cards to play. The player would purchase the electronic card marker in addition to the paper cards. Mr. English stated that these were in use in Maryland and with the bingo limits increasing in Delaware, the electronic card marker would enable nonprofits the ability to sell more bingo cards. Mr. Angelucci stated that the Board reviewed this equipment in the past and voted against it. Mr. Angelucci invited Mr. English to demonstrate his equipment at another Board meeting. The Board would take another look at the equipment and the Board's Statute, Rules and Regulations, and decide if it would be permissible. Ms. McAtee stated that Mr. English should contact her between meetings to let her know when he was ready to present to the Board. Mr. English thanked the Board for their time and stated that he would follow up with Ms. McAtee.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting is March 6, 2014 at 1:00 p.m., at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building Conference Room B, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Gant made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger, to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amanda McAtee
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.